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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration**

**[Docket No. PHMSA–2009-0203]**

**Pipeline Safety: Meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (PHMSA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of advisory committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces a public meeting of the Gas Pipeline Advisory Committee (GPAC), also known as the Technical Pipeline Safety Standards Committee, and the Liquid Pipeline Advisory Committee (LPAC), also known as the Technical Hazardous Liquid Pipeline Safety Standards Committee. The committees will meet to discuss two proposed rules, the first to implement changes to the administrative procedures in Part 190 Enforcement Procedures, and the second to establish criteria and procedures for determining the adequacy of state pipeline excavation damage prevention law enforcement programs; to establish an administrative process for making adequacy determinations and Federal requirements PHMSA will enforce in states with inadequate programs; and to establish the adjudication process for administrative enforcement proceedings against excavators where Federal authority is exercised.

**DATES:** The meeting schedule follows:

1. Tuesday, December 11, 2012, 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., LPAC Meeting.
2. Wednesday, December 12, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Joint Meeting (LPAC and GPAC).
3. Thursday, December 13, 2012, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., GPAC Meeting.

The meetings will not be web cast; however, presentations will be available on the meeting website and posted in the E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov> under docket number PHMSA-2009-0203 within 30 days following the meeting.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the Westin Alexandria, 400 Courthouse Square, Alexandria, VA 22314, Phone: 703-253-8600, Web Site: <http://www.westinalexandria.com/>.

Any additional information will be published on the PHMSA Web site (<http://www.phmsa.dot.gov/public>), under “Latest News” on the homepage.

Comments on the meeting may be submitted to the docket in the following ways:

E-Gov Web Site: <http://www.regulations.gov>. This site allows the public to enter comments on any Federal Register notice issued by any agency.

Fax: 1-202-493-2251.

Mail: Docket Management Facility; U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, West Building, Room W12-140, Washington, DC 20590-001.

Hand Delivery: Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Instructions: Identify the docket number PHMSA-2009-0203 at the beginning of your comments. Note that all comments received will be posted without change to

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Docket: For access to the docket or to read background documents or comments, go to <http://www.regulations.gov> at any time or to Room W12-140 on the ground level of the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE, Washington, DC, between 9:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

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on behalf of an association, business, labor union, etc.). DOT's complete Privacy Act Statement was published in the **Federal Register** on April 11, 2000 (65 FR 19477).

### **Information on Services for Individuals with Disabilities**

For information on facilities or services for individuals with disabilities, or to seek special assistance at the meeting, please contact Cheryl Whetsel at 202-366-4431 by December 5, 2012.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For information about the meeting, contact Cheryl Whetsel by phone at 202-366-4431 or by e-mail at [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov).

### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### **I. Meeting Details**

Members of the public may attend and make a statement during the advisory committee meeting. If you intend to make a statement, please notify PHMSA in advance by forwarding an e-mail to [cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov](mailto:cheryl.whetsel@dot.gov) by December 5, 2012.

#### **II. Committee Background**

The GPAC and LPAC are statutorily mandated advisory committees that advise PHMSA on proposed safety standards, risks assessments, and safety policies for natural gas pipelines and for hazardous liquid pipelines. Both committees were established under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C. App. 1) and the pipeline safety law (49 U.S.C. Chap. 601). Each committee consists of 15 members—with membership evenly divided among the Federal and state government, the regulated industry, and the public. The committees advise

PHMSA on the technical feasibility, practicability, and cost-effectiveness of each proposed pipeline safety standard.

### **III. Agenda**

The Agenda will be published on the PHMSA (DOT) Web site.

**Authority:** 49 U.S.C. 60102, 60115; 60118.

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